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EBOLA: INSIDE THE DEADLY OUTBREAK TO SIMULCAST ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL AND DISCOVERY FIT & HEALTH THURSDAY SEPT. 18 AT 10PM

One Hour Special Featuring ABC News' Dr. Richard Besser Includes Exclusive Interview with Dr. John Fankhauser and Never Before Seen Footage

Discovery Channel and Discovery Fit & Health announced today that the networks will simulcast **EBOLA: INSIDE THE DEADLY OUTBREAK** which premieres Thursday, Sept. 18 at 10PM. Discovery and ABC News partner to bring viewers this one-hour premiere special, a comprehensive look into the history, containment, and medical implications of this highly infectious disease. ABC News' chief medical editor and former acting director of the CDC, Dr. Richard Besser, leads viewers throughout the hour and explores whether this outbreak can happen in the U.S., among other subjects.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. John Fankhauser discusses treating both Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol for Ebola before they were flown back to the United States. After returning to the U.S. briefly, Dr. Fankhauser went back to Monrovia to care for Dr. Richard A. Sacra, the Mass. physician also infected with Ebola while working at a hospital in Liberia. Dr. Fankhauser shares with Dr. Besser exclusive insight on Nancy Writebol, the American missionary who was evacuated from Liberia where she had been working at an Ebola ward, among other topics.

Dr. Besser risks his life by traveling to the heart of the hot zone in Monrovia, Liberia, to share journeys of patients and caretakers, and reveals the moments that left him scared for his life. In other interviews, viewers meet Finda, a woman who waited for days to seek treatment, even though much of her family, including her own son, had succumbed to the virus; and a young man who lost half of his family to Ebola as he became unwittingly trapped in quarantine, who crosses forbidden lines to tell Dr. Besser his story. Additional footage includes other stories of the healthcare workers struggling to contain the widespread epidemic.

During the premiere of **EBOLA: INSIDE THE DEADLY OUTBREAK**, to help educate and explore the Ebola virus outbreak, ABC News' Dr. Richard Besser will be answering questions and live tweeting - follow [@DrRichardBesser](https://twitter.com/DrRichardBesser) [@Discovery](https://twitter.com/Discovery) and [@DiscHealth](https://twitter.com/DiscHealth) to join in the conversation.

Additionally, Discovery Channel and Discovery Fit & Health will simulcast *NBC News Special: Saving Dr. Brantly* at 9 PM.

All times ET/PT.

EBOLA: INSIDE THE DEADLY OUTBREAK is produced for Discovery Channel and Discovery Fit & Health by ABC News' Lincoln Square Productions. The executive producers from LSP are Rudy Bednar and Jeanmarie Condon. For Discovery Fit & Health, Julie Meisner Eagle is Executive Producer.

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